

Amendments to the Abstract:

Page 16, lines 3-11, please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

An apparatus useful in the removal of toxic materials from toxic weapon projectiles has a base, a projectile retaining container and a ram, and corresponding method of use. The projectile retaining container has a projectile retainer opening, a ram opening and a drain opening. The projectile retaining container is adapted to retain a toxic weapon projectile in the projectile retainer opening. The ram is adapted to extend into a toxic weapon projectile disposed within the projectile retaining container to crush the projectile's burster well and to thereby release toxic materials to the drain opening in the projectile retaining container. The ram alternatively includes high pressure water nozzles for breaking up any coagulant particles and for thoroughly rinsing the interior side walls of the toxic weapon projectile.